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Please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- on page 3 between the fifth paragraph and the sixth paragraph.

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Please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION-- on page 4 between the third paragraph and fourth paragraph.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 12 and 16 as follows:

*AL*  
--1. (AMENDED) A method of forming an image, comprising providing a layer of plastics material over a substrate, the substrate having at least one reflective region thereon, and selectively altering optical properties of portions of the plastics material so as to form an image therein.

*AN*  
--6. (AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 5, in which the heating elements are energized to deposit a continuous layer of the plastics material over the whole of an area to be covered such that the plastics material serves as a protective coating.